



FSIS Posts Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation Report

FSIS has posted a foodborne illness outbreak investigation summary report to its [Foodborne Illness Investigations Reports](#) webpage. This report focuses on an outbreak attributed to rotisserie chicken products that occurred during 2016–2017. To view this report, please visit: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/foodborne-illness-investigations/outbreaks-salmonella-rotisserie-chicken-products-2016-2017>.

FSIS will continue updating its [Foodborne Illness Investigations Reports](#) webpage with additional investigation summary reports in the future. The purpose of these reports is to help prevent future illnesses by conveying lessons learned and best practices to industry and public health partners.

Additional resources for public health partners regarding FSIS foodborne illness investigations can be found at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/phpartners>.

FSIS Posts Transcript and Recording from Whole Genome Sequencing Webinar

On Sept. 13, 2018, FSIS conducted a webinar to discuss the transition to whole genome sequencing from pulsed-field gel electrophoresis for *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) analysis. The presentation that was given, along with a written transcript and the recording of the webinar is now available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/newsroom/meetings/past-meetings/past-meetings-2018>.

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Reminder: USDA and FDA Will Hold a Joint Public Meeting on Use of Animal Cell Culture Technology to Develop Products Derived from Livestock and Poultry

On Sept. 10, 2018, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, DVM and U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, M.D. announced a joint public meeting to be held on Oct. 23-24, 2018 to discuss the use of cell culture technology to develop products derived from livestock and poultry.

The joint public meeting, hosted by the FSIS and the FDA, will focus on the potential hazards, oversight considerations, and labeling of cell cultured food products derived from livestock and poultry. The first day of the meeting will focus primarily on the potential hazards that need to be controlled for the safe production of animal cell cultured food products and oversight considerations by regulatory agencies. The second day of the meeting will focus on labeling considerations.

Attendees are encouraged to pre-register to attend the meeting. Pre-registration is available at the [Meetings and Events](#) page on the FSIS website. The meeting will be held on Oct. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Jefferson Auditorium in the U.S. Department of Agriculture South Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Policy Updates

FSIS notices and directives on public health and regulatory issues are available at: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/regulations>. The following policy updates were recently issued:

Notice 49-18 - *Fiscal Year 2019 Pay Periods and Official Payday Dates*

Notice 50-18 - *Approval of Official Time For Union Representation Activities*

Notice 51-18 - *Reporting of Negative In-Plant Kidney Inhibition Swab (KIS™) Test Results in the Public Health Information System*

Notice 52-18 - *Pay and Leave Guidance*

Notice 53-18 - *Cutoff Dates for Yearend Purchases Fiscal Year 2019*

Notice 54 -18 - *Import Residue Sampling Types of Inspection*

Directive 7230.1 Rev. 2 - *Ongoing Verification of Product Formulation and Labeling Targeting The Eight Most Common (Big 8) Food Allergens*

Directive 7530.1 Rev. 4 - *Handling a Process Deviation or Abnormal Container of Thermally Processed, Commercially Sterile Canned Product*

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Export Requirements Updates

The Library of Export Requirements has been updated for the following countries:

Barbados
European Union
French Polynesia
Japan
Mexico
Morocco
New Caledonia
Philippines
Republic of Macedonia
South Africa
Western Samoa

For a complete list of countries, visit <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/ffsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products>.